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In re Application of: Nordstrom, et al. )  
Application No. 09/993, 843 )  
Attorney Docket No. 031941-096 ) **DECISION ON PETITION TO**  
Filed: November 5, 2001 ) **WITHDRAW HOLDING OF**  
For: TELECOMMUNICATIONS ) **ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR**  
NETWORK RESOURCE HANDLING ) **§1.181**  
ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD )

This is a decision in response to the petition under 37 CFR § 1.181 requesting the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment filed November 15, 2004.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to file a timely response to the Office action mailed April 30, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 29, 2004.

In support of the petition, Applicant asserts that an Associated Power of Attorney was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) by facsimile on September 26, 2003. Petitioner supplies a copy of the Associate Power of Attorney facsimile transmitted to the USPTO on September 26, 2004 and a copy of the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission to confirm of the facsimile transmission received by the USPTO.

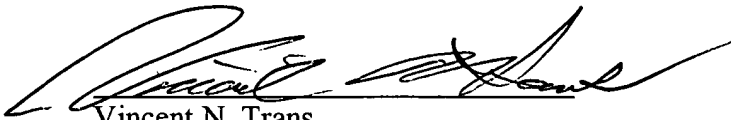
The relevant portion of MPEP § 403.01 states:

Where the attorneys bear relation of principal attorney and associate attorney, the correspondence will be had with the associate attorney unless the principal attorney directs otherwise. Ex parte Eggen, 1911 C.D. 213, 172 O.G. 1091 (Comm'r Pat. 1911). The associate attorney may specify or change the correspondence address to which communications about the application are to be directed.

The associate power of attorney becomes effective on the date of RECEIPT in the Office (not on the date of ACCEPTANCE).

For the above, the petition is **GRANTED**. The abandonment is **WITHDRAWN**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center support staff. The Office action of April 30, 2004 will be remailed to the address noted above with the three month Shortened Statutory Period restarted to run from the date of the remailing.

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